1197. *Transferred to the 18th March 1992*

Financial assistance for Government of Kerala

1198 SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Kerala has sought any financial assistance from the Central Government to keep the price of rice, distributed through PDS, stable in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to withdraw the increase in the Central Issue Prices (effected from 28-12-91) of rice and Wheat given to States/UTs, for distribution under the Public Distribution System. No separate financial assistance is given by the Central Government to any State/U T towards subsidies incurred on the distribution of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System. Substantially high subsidy is involved in the issue of rice to State/UTs at the Central Issue Prices.

Survey in the Working of District Consumer Fora

1199. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey on the working of district consumers fora under the Consumer Protection Act; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that these fora have inadequate facility of staff accommodation; and

(c) if so, the Steps Government have taken/propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) *to* (c) The Government have received certain representation where complaints have been made regarding inadeaquate facilities provided to District Redressal Forums set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. Since the responsibility of providing necessary facilities to these forums is with State Government, these complaints are immediately taken up and pursued with them for corrective action.

Basmati rice unearthed by Civil Supplies Department

1200. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The quantity of Basmati rice unearthed by the Delhi Food and Civil Supplies department during the last six months; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A quantity of 1,54,418 quintals of basmati rice was seized by Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of Delhi Administration.

(b) Exporters having valid export documents but functioning without licence under the Delhi Foodgrains & Oilseeds Dealers Licensing Order, 1988 have been warned by Delhi Administration and directed to obtain licence and observe all requirements of the Control Order in future. The stocks meant for export have been released.

In the case of one of the exporters, who had filed writ petition in